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(From Gibson to Power) (Number 1).

The following is partial text of proposed agreement. Further texts will be despatched at intervals.

Text begins. 1.

(1) Subject to the fundamental points set out in the succeeding paragraph and subject to such agreed arrangements with regard to specific activities as are hereinafter set forth and for purposes of defence, the Government of Newfoundland will transfer to the Government of Canada for the duration of the war the control of the Newfoundland Airport (as set out in the annexed plan) and of the seaplane bases situated at Botwood and Gleneagles; and the Government of Canada shall undertake in the place of the Government of Newfoundland the responsibility for the operation of the said air bases.

(2) The responsibility for operation of the said air bases to be assumed by the Canadian Government shall include normal airbase facilities for trans-atlantic movement of aircraft in accordance with established air ministry practice.

2. The Government of Canada agrees that:

(1) No part of the said air bases shall be handed over to control of a third party without prior consent of the Newfoundland Government.

(2) No alterations shall be made in the existing layout of the air bases without prior consent of the Newfoundland Government.

(3) Any damage to the air bases while controlled by the Government of Canada shall be repaired.

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